TRIAL FOR NAVY OF MEYER PLAN

Secretary Wins Point Before House Committee.

TEST OF YEAR TO BE MADE

Rear Admiral Rodgers Handled Without Gloves at Hearing-Cabinet Officer Denies that Paymaster General Invented Cost-keeping System at Yards-Shot at Cone.

At the executive session of the House Committee on Naval Affairs yesterday Secretary of the Navy Meyer appeared to make his last appeal for the adoption of his plan of naval reorganization. It was as lively a session as any that body has held since the controversy along this line warmed up with the convening of Congress.

Secretary Meyer went after Rear Admiral Rodgers, the naval paymaster general, and handled him without gloves. He flatly contradicted Admiral Rodgers' statement before the Naval Affairs Committee that he was the inventor of the cost keeping system at navy yards, and also took exception to his assertion that the system was in operation in eight yards. According to the Secretary the system is in operation in only one yard, and not completely at that.

Discussing Admiral Rodgers' testimony to the effect that the system cost nothing, Secretary Meyer insisted that as a matter of fact it had already cost \$20,000 for its partial installation in the one yard referred to-Boston-and would cost \$12,000 more before in complete working order. Capps Indorsed Plan,

Another interesting feature of the session was the presentation to the committee by Secretary Meyer of an official indorsement of the substance of the Meyer plan from Chief Constructor Capps, who is now so bitterly opposed to it.

chief constructor that authority over hulls and machinery be divided in the navy yards, and was made to the then Secretary of the Navy some years ago, before the Newberry plan went into effect, and before the chief constructor enjoyed the complete power which he did under it.

According to those members of the committee who look with favor on the Meyer plan, and who have been standing by the Secretary, he took the testimony given by Chief Constructor Capps with reference to the naval organization methods in British and German navy yards, and was able to demonstrate that not only did Mr. Capps' figures and facts plan proposed by the Secretary is right in line with the very latest schemes in standpoint." use in the navy yards of the two governments mentioned

Proves Something Is Wrong.

Taking the contr of the varying facts and figures presented by Chief Constructor Capps and Rear Admiral Hutch Cone, chief of the Bureau of Steam Engineering, as a basis, Mr. Meyer insisted that this very proposition proved that something was wrong under the present system, and that a change was imperative. He pointed out that inasmuch as the Bureau of Steam Engineering, whose money was being spent for a ing in the bureau, had one set of figures, and the Bureau of Construction, which was spending the money, but was not responsible, had another set-both sets passing through the managing constructor in Gen. Harries, W. B. Millar, army secrecharge of a yard-that it was high time ary of the international commission of the some change was made to correct the Y. M. C. A.; George Otis Smith, presipossibility of such conditions continuin

At the conclusion of the session a R publican member of the committee, w said that the committee stood approxi- der the direction of Chief Musician mately 2 to 1 in favor of the plan pro- George Tyrell. posed by the Secretary, and that he would be authorized to put it into complete operation for one year.

SUCCESSOR TO WOTHERSPOON.

Maj. Gen. Carter Detailed Member of General Staff Corps.

Mai Gen. William H. Carter, U. S. A. now in command of the Department of Guy H. Burrage, Chaplain George H. Luzon of the Philippines division, has Robinson, Capt. George C. Barnhardt, been detailed by the War Department a Capt. Warren W. Whiteside, Capt. Henry member of the General Staff Corps, suc- C. Smither, Capt. T. N. Horn, Capt. Howceeding Brig. Gen. William W. Wother- ard H. Bailey, Capt. George W. Moses spoon, recently relieved. Gen. Carter has George Otis Smith, president Y. M. C. A. been directed to report in Washington for William Knowles Cooper, Stacey H. duty. He was one of the candidates for Briant, H. Bradley Davidson, Fred H. detail as Chief of Staff of the army before Fishback, Percy H. Foster, A. E. L. the selection of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, Leckie, Charles K. Ober, William Jessop,

Gen. Wood, now undergoing treatment at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Balti- L. Smith, secretary Army and Navy Y. more, is improving, and he will be able to M. C. A. leave the hospital probably within a week

Charges Against Official,

Charges were filed at the Department Justice yesterday against United States District Attorney George Grigsby. of Nome, Alaska. The complainant is the assistant assessors, are now regis-Japhet Lindberg, who has been a litigant tering the time of their arrival in the in the United States District Court at morning. A time clock has been installed Nome. Officials of the department refused to make public the charges.

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Attend Banquet-Mr. Macfarland the Toastmaster.

amounted substantially to proof that the results cannot be other than beneficial

With these words, Secretary of War honor. Dickinson, closed his address at the an-nual dinner of the Army and Navy Tallors' Exchange of this city, acted as Branch of the Y. M. C. A. last evening. Commissioner Macfarland acted as toast- effected in New York. master.

Gen. Miles felicitated the members and officers of the association on the work being done, saying, among other things, certain purpose, with responsibility restthe company of brave men," and that "the welcome of the Y. M. C. A. is the welcome of good men."

Other speakers were Admiral Barker, ent of the Y. M. C. A., and H. Bradley

A delightful menu was served and music was furnished during the evening usually knows what he is talking about, by the Fifteenth Cavalry Orchestra, un-

> 'ine guests of honor were Joseph M. Dickinson, Secretary of War: H. B. F. Macfarland Gen Nelson A Miles Admiral A. S. Barker, Gen. George H. Harries, District of Columbia National Guard; W. B. Millar, army secretary nternational commission, Y. M. C. A .; Col. Joseph Garrard, Col. W. E. Harvey, Lieut, col, William C. Langfitt, Lieut, Col. Henry C. Davis, Lieut. Commander Myron J. Jones, Charles E. Barker, M. D., Dr. John Wesley Hill, and Arthur

TIME CLOCK INSTALLED.

Employes of Assessor's Office Register Arrival in Morning.

Employes of the assessor's office, with the exception of the assessor himself and by Assessor Richards. It bears the motto, "Those who are five minutes late do more to upset the order of the world than all the anarchists."

Not a single employe yesterday placed limself in a class with the bomb-throwers. It is said, however, that they are not enthusiastic over the innovation

CITIZENS WILL BE HEARD

Commissioners to Hold an Evening Session at District Building.

To obtain an insight of the needs of the District, the Commissioners will hear representatives of citizen associations in the Municipal Building on the evening of February 21.

Citizens' associations have become so numerous the attendance of members of the board at their meetings means a large draft on the Commissioners' time. and they have taken another means to become acquainted with conditions. Each body is expected to have a spokesman at the meeting.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Recent portraits, comprising some of the best een this winter in Washington, will be exhibited by Wilhelm Funk in the Hemicycle Hall of the breoran Gallery of Art February 23 until March 5. Chief Naval Constructor Capps, who has been ill for several weeks, resumed his official duties at the Navy Department yesterday.

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To-day This chair is exactly

with shaped wood seat; good finish and con-

Life is pretty cheap and yellow, and it often bores a fellow, if he thinks about his troubles through the long and weary day, if he talks about his sorrows, laving bets that all to-morrows will be just as stale and somber, just as grewsome and as gray. Ah, the world is what we make it; if we fuss around and rake it, hustling for a crop of trouble, we'll have windrows high and wide; but it will not pay for reaping, and the thrashers will be weeping when they see the scurvy harvest that has been your boast and pride. If you fire all thoughts of sadness, and go raking round for gladness, if you just insist that worry take its grip and trunk, and roam, you are sure to find the mowing pays for all the work and sowing, and the thrashers will be whooping on the day of Harvest Home. All my metaphors are tangled, and this rhyme is badly jangled, but you'll doubtless catch its meaning if you use a hook and line; do not mind the ills that bore you, nor the clouds that threaten o'er you; every day provides its solace, and to-morrow will be fine!

WALT MASON.

s now so bitterly opposed to it. This was a recommendation from the DICKINSON PRAISES Y. M.C. A. CUTTERS AND TAILORS DINE

Speaks at Annual Dinner of Army Presidents Owen Owens and P. J. Mena at Chantales. and Navy Branch. Foley Guests of Honor.

Officers of District National Guard O. E. Ryder, of Merchant Tailors Exchange Makes an Address, Other Members Speak.

"It is a great thing for the officers and Community of interest between the Mermen in the service to meet under the chant Tailors' Exchange and the Custom men in the service to meet under the conditions afforded by the Young Men's Christian Association, and, because of the peculiar effectiveness of the work, the results cannot be other than beneficial results cannot be other than beneficial bear out his conclusions, but that, as a matter of fact, the matter he presented peculiar effectiveness of the work, the tional Association of Merchant Tailors of from a moral, educational, and spiritual the International Custom Cutters' Association of America, were the guests of

> toastmaster. After announcing that the More than 150 members of the District next convention of the merchant tailors National Guard attended the banquet will be held in this city, in February, by 1911, Mr. Ryder introduced Mr. Owens, which was served in the assembly room 1911, Mr. Ryder introduced Mr. Owens, of the Y. M. C. A. Bullding. Former who spoke in favor of the organization

J. Fred Gatchell, Harry J. Lee, P. J. Foley, J. C. Wineman, O. G. Medlier, L. A. Downey, and Mr. Greisbauer also Southwest. The weather will become unsettled Friday in the Northern Plains States, the Northern

Members of the Merchant Tailors' Exchange are George C. Bergling, J. D. dar. Burns & Co., John J. Costinett, Campbell & Ryder, Carlson Brothers, Joseph R. Costinett, L. A. Downey, B. J. Foley, J. A. Greisbauer, J. Fred Gatchell, I. Geraci, A. Ghiselli & Co., F. J. Helber-Harry J. Lee, J. D. McConville, Norris & anson, Owen Owens, Edwin Potbury, E. H. Snyder, J. M. Stein, G. Warfield Simpson, John Waldman, J. C. Wineman & Co., H. L. Kauffman, and F. S. Finkelstein.

Members of the Custom Cutters' Association are F. J. Foley, J. W. Campbell, D. McConville, L. A. Downey, Charles Nell, Hugh Zea, E. B. Theil, O. E. Banks. nanson, Joseph Costinett, R. Ben Boemer, I. Geraci, C. Simon, S. Goldstein, L. E. Reed, B. J. Foley, M. Pipitone, George E. Hebbard, O. E. Ryder, and J. C. Wine-

The Merchant Tailors' Exchange will hold a meeting next Wednesday night in the Bond Building for the election of officers. To-morrow night the Custom Cutters' Association will hold their regular

TASK FOR PENSION PROBERS.

Committee May Have to Make Close Examination.

Auditor Tweedale sees a big task ahead for the fireman and police pension fund investigating committee of which he, Fire Chief Wagner, and Maj. Sylvester are members. He said yesterday that if Charleston, S. C. the committee had to examine closely into the fund, it would be necessary to make a statement showing the average Cleveland, Ohio... lives and ages of pensioners, and other similar matters that would take a long Denver, Colo Des Moines, Iowa... time to complete.

There is not enough to pay the pensioners in full this month. Mrs. William Caton, wife of the late fire department driver, has not yet applied for a pension. It is probable that when she does & \$50 allowance will be recommended.

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CLASH NEAR ACOYAPA

Madriz Troops Engage Rebels Under Gen. Mena.

BATTLE STILL IN PROGRESS

Results Not Learned, Though It Is Reported the Besiegers Were 300 Strong and Slept on Their Arms During Night, Resuming the Fire When Daybreak Arrived.

Managua, Feb. 17 .- According to an official report issued late this afternoon, Gen, Vasquez, the government commander, with 300 troops, attacked Gen. Mena yesterday afternoon at San Vicente some twenty miles east of Acoyapa. The fighting continued until darkness. The troops on both sides slept on their arms. At daylight this morning the hostilities were renewed. The result is not stated. Gen. Mena is stated to be at the head of at least 1,200, and it is this that causes some doubt as to the truthfulness of the report that Gen. Vasquez, with only one-quarter that number of soldiers attacked him. It is stated, however, that Vasquez was seeking to prevent a junction between Gens. Mena and Chamorro at Chantales, which was the apparent objective of Gen. Mena. Re-enforcements were hurriedly dispatched to Gen. Vasquez to-day.

Zelaya Debt Held Valid. After a hot discussion to-day the naional assembly passed a bill making valid the debt incurred in 1896 by the revolutionists, when Zelava seized the Presidency. The opponents of the bill claimed that if it were adopted it would break up the Liberal party. The bill now awaits the signature of President Madriz. The political situation is greatly strained and matters threaten to reach the breaking point. It is reported that the relations between Madriz and Minister General Baca are such that the latter is

likely to retire from office shortly Lieut. Commander Symington, who is the bearer of a letter from Rear Admiral Kimball to Gen. Chamorro has failed to find the general at Matagalpa, which lends color to the report that he has moved to form a junction with Gen.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Washington, Thursday, February 17, 1916-8 p. m. The Gulf storm was central over Western North larolina Thursday night and moving in a north-saterly direction. This disturbance caused general precipitation during the last twenty-four hours in the Mississippi Valley and all regions east thereof and in the West Gulf States. There were heavy snows in the Middle Mississippi and Ohlo Valleys, and rain and snow in the Middle Atlantic and New England States, and in the West Gulf States, Rains

the Middle Atlantic and East Gulf States, Tennessee, and the Lower Misdssippi Valley.
Generally fair weather with alowly rising temperature is reported from the Plains States and the regions west theerof, except in Idaho, Western Montana, Washington, and Oregon, where there were rains and snows.

The Southern storm with Atlantic States, the Lower Lake region, and the Upper Oaio Valley, and rain or snow followed by clearing and much colder weather throughout the Middle Atlantic and South Atlantic and East Gulf States. Colder weather is also indicated for Southern New England. Saturday throughout the Eastern States, and Friday and Saturday in the Gulf States, the Lower Ohio Valley, the Upper Lake region, the Mississippi Valley, the Lower Plains States, and the extreme

Rocky Mountain and Middle Plateau regions, where there will be local snows Friday night or Satur-The temperature will rise somewhat in the West Gulf States, the Mississippi Valley, the Plains States, and the Rocky Mountain region during Fri-

Geraci, A. Ghiselli & Co., F. J. Helberger, George W. Herold, John G. Haas, George E. Hebbard, George T. Keen, Harry J. Lee J. D. McConville, Norris & from New Orleans to Key West, and thence on the Atlantic coast to Eastport, dle Atlantic coast high northwesterly; on the South

Atlantic coast high west and northwest; on the East Gulf coast high northwesterly; on the West Gulf coast light variable; on Lake Michigan light o moderate variable. Steamers departing Friday for European ports will have high northwest and west winds and rais

Local Temperature.

Midnight, 45; 2 a. m., 43; 4 a. m., 41; 6 a. m., 39; it was said he is rapidly recovering. a. m., 39; 10 a. m., 41; 12 noon, 46; 2 p. m., 47; 4 m., 44; 6 p. m., 40; 8 p. m., 37; 10 p. m., 37, aximum, 48; minimum, 36. aximum, 48; minimum, 36. Relative humidity—8 s. m., 88; 2 p. m., 69; 8 m., 76. Rainfall (8 p. m. to 8 p. m.), 0. Hours sunshine, 5.2; per cent of possible sunshine, 48.

Temperatures in Other Cities, Temperatures in other cities, together with the amount of rainfall, for the twelve hours ended at 8 p. m. yesterday, are as follows:

ttle Rock, Ark North Platte, Nebr... Palestine, Tex. Portland, Me.. 0.14 San Francisco, Cal. Springfield, Ill. Vicksburg, Miss ..

Tide Table. To-day—High tide, 2:45 a. m. and 3:19 p. m.; low ide, 9:13 a. m. and 10:16 p. m.
To-morrow—High tide, 3:55 a. m. and 4:23 p. m.; ow tide, 10:21 a. m. and 11:22 p. m.

Condition of the Water. Special to The Washington Herald. Harpers Ferry, W. Va., Feb. 17.--Both rivers

See the list of branch offices of the want ad, department of The Washington Herald, top of first column, want page, and get "your branch" firmly fixed in Largest Women's Outergarment Store South of New York.

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Women's and misses' coats greatly reduced.

- 20 Women's and Misses' Coats, full lengths. Sold for \$15 and \$18. Cut to \$3.98. 23 Women's and Misses' Coats, full lengths. Sold up to \$40. Cut to \$9.50.
- 11 Evening Capes, all lined. Sold for \$25 to \$45. Cut to \$15.

 12 Girls' Coats (sizes 6, 8, and 10 years). Were \$8.00. Cut to \$3.00.

15 Girls' Coats (sizes 8, 10, and 12). Sold up to \$18. Cut to \$6.95.

Choice, 2 Seal Coats, 36-inch length. Sold for \$95.00..... 6 Ponyskin Coats, 50-inch length. Sold for \$110.00.....

Silk dresses, underskirts, waists, &c.

35 Cloth and Silk Dresses. Sold for \$22 and \$25. Cut to \$7.50. 30 Dresses, for street and evening wear. Sold up to \$40. Cut to \$15. Embracing messalines, rajahs, taffetas, broadcloths, and serges, &c.; all shades; one or two of a kind.

55 Taffeta Silk Underskirts, all colors and black. Were \$5. Cut to \$2.98. 4 dozen New Lingerie Waists; styles which cannot be duplicated. Were \$3.50. Cut to \$1.98. 5 dozen Taffeta Waists, in all colors and ecru and white nets. We \$6, \$7, and \$8. Cut

D. A. R. BATTLE BEGUN.

Conservative Party Seeks Support for Proposed Amendments.

The conservative faction in the national ociety, Daughters of the American Revolution, yesterday fired its first shot in the battle for supremacy at the coming election in April.

In a circular letter sent to the various hapters in this city the anti-administration party urges support for proposed amendments which provide that the appointment of committee members be made from among members of the national board only.

It is understood the so-called insurgents resent the activity of certain administration leaders at headquarters, who were lefeated at the last election, but wh were designated committee members by Mrs. Matthew T. Scott.

The letter concludes as follows: "When nembers of the Continental Congress, at great expense, and in many cases, at great personal sacrifice, meet and declare their will and adjourn, leaving their affairs in the hands of the officers duly elected, they are entitled to the assurance that those officers and no others will

carry out their instructions." Those who have issued the petition are M. E. S. Davis, Katharine T. Gerald, Min nie F. Ballinger, Lilian Pike Roome Drury Conway Ludlow, Ellen C. Wana maker, Dorinda E. Rogers, Zillah Solo

TWO SOLONS ILL.

Two members of the Senate are on the

snow, followed by fair weather, to the Grand olina, who was taken from the Senate to his home Wednesday, is suffering from a bilious attack. At his home last night Senator Smith, of Michigan, was taken His physician, Dr. Louis pendicitis. Temperature same date last year-Maximum, 43; Barth, of Grand Rapids, arrived here last 700 cars valued at \$1.225,000. evening and will determine whether an

peration is necessary. FACES GRAVE CHARGE.

William I. Fisher Held for Abduct

Max. Min. 8 p. m. fall. ing Margaret Clare. William I. Fisher, formerly in the gov ernment service in Washington, will be brought here in a few days from Atlantic City to face the charge of abducting Mar-0.22 garet Clare, seventeen years old, who has been missing from her home for severa weeks.

Fisher was arrested yesterday at Abse on, about five miles from Atlantic City, by Detective Burlingame, who went in search of him at the request of the parents of the missing girl.

Mrs. Clare left for Atlantic City yes-0.25 terday afternoon to take charge of her daughter. Burlingame arrived in Washington last night, after having seen missioner at the seaside resort to-day.



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Willis, Mary R. Willcox, Ida G. Mattingly, feet. Orders for the material, structural steel, lumber, and mill work have been placed for this work, and the contract for the iron work has been awarded to Dietrich Brothers, of Baltimore, Md Good headway will be made in the next three weeks, and it is expected that the structure will be completed by spring. The enlarged plant will give the factor

a production capacity of ten cars per day. This daily output will mean a total of 3,000 cars per year at a total valuation of more than \$5,000,000. This production is necessary to supply the agents throughout the country with Washington cars. The Carter Motor Car Corporation, manufacturers of this car, have been unable heretofore to meet the demand, owing to ill on Tuesday, and it was thought he the size of the present plant, and this would have to be operated upon for ap- has caused them to lose a number of

orders for cars, one order alone being for In addition, the Southern market is becoming an exceptionally good one, and it is with this end in view that the plant is being enlarged. It is a great credit to this city to see a plant of this kind flourishing so near here, as it adds materially to the progress of this city and show that manufacturing is profitable.

SENATE TALKS RECLAMATION

Carter Hopes Administration Bill Will Pass by Tuesday.

The Senate devoted an hour yesterday to the consideration of the bill authorizing the issuance by the government of certificates of indebtedness to run ten years and draw 3 per cent interest, payable quarterly, interest and principal to be guaranteed by the government, the proceeds to be used to complete existing reclamation projects. Senator Carter, who reported the bill, expressed the hope that Fisher in the custody of the police of it would pass not later than next Monday. Atlantic City. Fisher will probably be The money is to be in the nature of a arraigned before a United States com- loan by the government, to be repaid from the proceeds of the sale of public lands reclaimed. The measure is an administration bill

In his Western trip last year President Taft came out in one of his speeches in favor of government aid to facilitate the completion of the existing reclamation projects. Later Senator Borah, of Idaho, introduced a bill authorizing the issuance of certificates of indebtedness to the amount of \$30,000,000, and after a talk with the President, secured a promise from Mr. Taft that he would recommend the loan in his annual message, which he did. Senator Carter reported the bill from his ommittee last week. In the debate yesterday the passage of the measure was advocated by nearly all the Senators from the semi-arid States, speeches being made by Senators Borah and Heyburn, of Idaho; Warren, of Wyoming; Sutherland, of Utah: Flint, of California; Jones, of Washington, and Newlands, of Nevada.

Overcome by Gas.

Mrs. George W. Hunton, of Warrenton Va., widow of George W. Hunton, was J. WILLIAM LEE, Funeral Director found unconscious in her room at 1337 found unconscious in her room at 1337 Chapel and Modern Crematorium. Modest prices. 332 Pennsylvania are, nw. Telephone Main 1383, effects of gas flowing from a small stove. She was revived by Leigh G. Baker.

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MILLER-On February 17, 1910, at 1 o'clock a.m., EDWARD S. MILLER, husband of Nellie Miller (nee Santry). Funeral will take place from his late residence, 121 Seaton street northeast, at 8:30 o'clock Saturday February 19; thence to St. Martin's Church, where requiem mass will be said at 9 o'clock for the repose of his soul.

WISENER-Suddenly, on Wednesday, February 16, 1910, at 5:30 p. m., L. AUGUSTUS, beloved husband of Ella Wisener (nee Sullivan). Wisener (nee Sullivan).

Funeral from his late residence, 255 N
street northwest, on Saturday, February 19, at 9 o'clock a. m. Requiem
mass at the Church of the Immaculate
Conception at 9:30. Relatives and
friends invited. Interment (private)
at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

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